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#### LITTLE LOCALS

It boometh.  
The railroad project.  
Pickles in kegs at Barreda's.  
Fire crackers at Barreda's.  
Spanish olives, in kegs at Barreda's.  
A fresh lot of corn beef at Barreda's.  
Hot spiced rum at Mike Leahy's saloon.  
The weather still continues damp and grippy.  
Barreda has 200 varieties of fancy candies.  
W. G. Olge arrived on the Alice stage last night.  
Dr. Price's flavoring extracts and baking powders at Barreda's.  
Evaporated pears and peaches received yesterday at Barreda's.  
All kinds preserves and mince meats just received by Barreda.  
The steamship Morgan did not leave Brazos until this morning.  
Our Santa Maria correspondent joins the hue and cry for a railroad.  
Everybody says this weather is remarkably favorable for next year's crops.  
The steamship Clinton sailed from Galveston at 3:40 yesterday afternoon.  
The popping of fire crackers remind one that tomorrow night will be Christmas eve.  
Capt. Dalzell is having his hand some residence on Elizabeth street, treated to a new coat of paint.  
The Christmas tree for the Presbyterian Mission school, of Matamoros will take place to-night.  
The Episcopal Sunday school will have its Christmas to-morrow night at the church at 7 o'clock.  
Barreda has just received a lot of fresh butter. He sells it by the pound, or in 2 and 3 pound cans.  
This is disagreeable weather under foot, but then it is putting the ground in fine fix for crops next year.  
Hon. Jno. I. Kleiber, after spending several weeks in Corpus Christi, arrived home yesterday afternoon over the M. & M. railroad.  
Our next story will be from the pen of the popular author, Robert Louis Stevenson. Subscribe for THE HERALD now lest you miss a chapter of his interesting story.  
The Alice mail did not arrive last night in time to be distributed, but Postmaster Hoyt was on hand early this morning and had the mail distributed in time for the early birds.  
Tomorrow THE HERALD will appear early during the afternoon. Believing that printers, as well as other people, like a little holiday, we take this means of giving them a half day off.

#### A Christmas Tree.

The Christmas entertainment of the Presbyterian Sabbath school which took place last night at the church was very interesting. The decorations were most tasteful, the palms being arranged with unusual grace. The central figure, naturally, was the tree, laden with the delightful fruit which such trees bear at Christmas. It stood in front of the pulpit with a beautiful mass of roses for a pedestal. The church was filled with interested spectators. At half past six the exercises began, consisting of songs and recitations, some English and some Spanish. The little ones performed remarkably well, their bright, earnest faces adding unusual interest. While all was of interest, perhaps the most entertaining feature was "The Bells," in which six little girls, with the sweetest toned bells, each recited a short verse, of which we confess the words "mi campanita" were the only ones the reporter understood. The charm of the pieces, however, lay in the great earnestness with which the little girls spoke and rang their bells. During the song which followed, they rang the bells in unison. The distribution of gifts was the final scene, and doubtless the most interesting to the happy little recipients of the many dolls, game, books, etc. When the last gift had been taken down and the gleam of the last waxen taper extinguished, the pastor, Don Leandro Mora, spoke a few loving words to the children and then dismissed all with the benediction.

Tomorrow will be Christmas eve. How many of our readers are preparing for a happy time with Christmas dainties, and Santa Claus gifts? Every one of them, no doubt. But how many of them have thought of the hundreds of poor people who are denied not only these pleasures, but even the comforts of good food and warm clothing? We hope everyone of our readers has made some provision for at least one of these poor families. You need not go far to find them. Just a few blocks from your warm, happy home you may find a little jocal where little children are huddled together poorly clad and half fed, with no prospects of a happy Christmas-tide.

Brownsville merchants generally have raised prices on all goods, in view of the continued rise in the value of currency. This Mexican coin is a great drawback to the laboring classes here. They are forced to pay higher prices than ever for food and clothing, yet receive no advance in the price of their labor.

Those who went to Point Isabel yesterday morning to enjoy a fish dinner and expecting to return home for supper, were disappointed. The train did not return as usual, but came up this morning.

The people should endeavor to impress on the county commissioners the necessity for better county roads. Cameron county cannot afford to be sending her trade to other counties on account of bad roads.

Handsome Christmas goods are displayed in all stores. Make your self a present of a fortune. Call on Lieut. Chatfield for the means.

Subscribe for THE HERALD.

#### THE CITY MARKET.

##### The Prices of Various Articles Sold at That Place.

Below we give prices of various articles on sale daily in the Brownsville City Market. The articles mentioned are all home products raised by the people of the surrounding country. The prices given are in Mexican coin, which at the present time is very low, one dollar in Mexican coin being worth about 65 cents in currency. Prices are authoritative.

##### VEGETABLES.

Carrots, 4 cents per pound.  
Beets, 2½ cents per pound.  
Cabbage, 5 to 15 cents per head.  
Raddishes, 1 cent per dozen.  
Fresh tomatoes, 75 cent per bucket.  
Lettuce, 12 cents per dozen heads.  
Okra, 62 cents per bucket.  
Snap beans, 62 cents per bucket.  
Turnips, 1½ cents per pound.  
Pumpkins, 1 cent per pound.  
Green peppers, 12 cents per dozen.  
Parsley, 3 cents per bunch.  
Sweet potatoes, (new) 3 cents a pound.  
Peas, 75 cents a bucket.  
Butter beans, 37 cents per bucket.  
Squash, 25 cents per dozen.  
Egg plant, 25 cents per dozen.

##### FRUITS.

Bananas, 25 cents a dozen.  
Lemons (small) 25 cents a dozen.  
Sugar cane, \$1.50 per 100 stalks.  
Eggs, 25 cents a dozen.  
Butter, (country) 50 cents per pound.  
" " (Western) 56 cents per pound.  
Cheese (Mexican) 8 cents per pound.  
" " (American) 25 cents per pound.

##### MEATS.

Rough cuts, 4 cents per pound.  
Beef roast, 7 cents per pound.  
Beef round steak, 6 cents per pound.  
Beef sirloin steak, 7 cents per pound.  
Beef porterhouse, steak 7 cents a pound.  
Beef tenderloin, steak 8 cents per pound.  
Pork, roast, 10 cents per pound.  
Pork, chops, 10 cents per pound.  
Mutton, 8 cents per pound.  
Hog's head cheese, 12 cents a pound.  
Tripe, 12 cents a pound.  
Pork sausage, 18 cents a pound.  
Fresh leaf lard, 12 cents per pound.  
Beef tongue, 18 to 25 cents each.  
Calf tongue, 12 cents each.  
Liver, 6 cents a pound.

##### FISH.

Trout, 5 cents a pound.  
Cat fish, 3 cents a pound.  
Sheephead 5 cents a pound.  
Crabs 12 cents per dozen.  
Oysters \$1.00 per hundred.

##### GAME.

Venison, 5 cents per pound.  
Chicken (live) 25 cents each.  
Duck wild, 6 to 8 cents each.  
Geese (Wild) 12 cents each.  
Jack snipe 75 cents per dozen.  
Small birds, 12 cents per dozen.  
Papabots, 75 cents per dozen.

#### For Christmas!

Fire crackers of all kinds  
Fresh Butter  
Spanish Olives in kegs  
Pickles in kegs  
Dr. Price's baking powder  
Dr. Price's flavoring extracts  
Evaporated Peaches  
Evaporated Pears  
Corn Beef  
200 Varieties Candy  
Preserves by the pound  
Mince Meat by the pound  
At BARREDA'S

##### Notice to Tax Payers.

The taxes for 1892 are now due and payable. The collector will be at his office at the court house daily to receive same. All taxes not paid on or before December 31st., proximo, will be forced to collection at the law direct.

JAS. A. BROWNE,  
Tax Collector Cameron Co. Tex.  
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